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Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please enter the following amended paragraph for the paragraph beginning "Figure 1" - " on page 30 after the BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING.

Figure 1 - The amino acid sequence of human voltage gated sodium channel β 1A subunit (SEQ ID NO:14) aligned with (*A*) the rat voltage gated sodium channel β 1A subunit (SEQ ID NO:15) and (*B*) human voltage gated sodium channel β 1 subunit (SEQ ID NO:16) are shown. The overall identity between human and rat VGSC β 1A subunits is about 72%, while the identity of their carboxyl terminal regions is less than 33%. The overall identity of human VGSC β 1A and β 1 subunits is 75%, but the identity of their carboxyl terminal regions is less than 17%.